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**A Bunch of Spring Beauties**  
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**MUSIC.**  
The might of music, and its mystic fire,  
Will from no studied Art alone proceed;  
The breath of Pan must blow the plaintive  
reed;  
The soul of Orpheus must thrill the lyre.  
Florence Earle Coates.

**A RAINY DAY WITH THE ENTROLOGY.**  
The skies frown on me through the falling  
rain,  
I smile on them for answer and return  
To my low chair beside the fire again.  
And to my book upon whose pages burn  
Verses whose beauty makes all else seem  
vain.  
What though the rain pour down from dawn  
to night,  
What though my door turn on its hinge to  
none,  
I would not have these fancies put to flight,  
But dream these dreams unbroken and  
alone.  
Naught to disturb this delicate delight.  
Lilla Cabot Perry.

**ON AN OLD ROAD.**  
A host of popples, a flight of swallows;  
A flurry of rain and a wind that follows  
Shepherds the leaves in the sheltered hollows,  
For the forest is shaken and thinned.  
Over my head are the firs for rafters;  
The crows blow south and my heart goes  
after;  
I kiss my hands to the world with laughter  
Is it Aldean or mystical land?  
Oh the whirl of the fields in the windy  
weather;  
How the barley breaks and bows together!  
Oh glad is the free bird aloft in the heather—  
Oh the whole world is glad of the wind.  
Prof. Edwin Markham.

**Cometh no treasure unought;**  
Labor, with brain or with hand,  
Triumph of toil or of thought,  
Only, enriches the land,  
Ever the workers have won.  
Handling the plow or the pen,  
Mighty the deeds they have done,  
Prospering children of men.  
Sweetest are industry's gains,  
All she ennobles are blest;  
Idleness never attains  
That which is highest or best.

**Fathers who toiled in the past,**  
Trials unnumbered bore,  
Bread on the waters have cast,  
Which has augmented your store.  
They, having climbed to the height,  
Vision the wider you gain—  
See what is lost to their sight  
Who in the valleys remain.  
Won for you ages ago,  
Blessings you value to-day,  
Great is the debt that you owe,  
Debt you can never repay.

**Heirs of the centuries gone,**  
Daughters and sons of the Light,  
Children, indeed, of the Dawn,  
Onward, be true to the right!  
Seek for the noble and pure,  
Strive for the highest and best.  
These are the things that endure,  
Thus is the world to be blest.  
Little by little is done.  
Labor uplifting a land,  
Rightly such work is begun,  
Doing the duty at hand.

**The last of the quotations given**  
is an excerpt from a poem entitled  
"Lessons of Two Centuries," which  
was written by Ellwood Roberts,

of the Norristown Herald, and read  
by the author at the Bi-centennial  
of Gwynedd, held on May 31. On  
account of the great length of the  
poem it is not given entire, the  
above stanzas being selected as a  
specimen of the poet's work.

**JIM'S BOUQUET.**  
ADELA M. HOYT.

They stood on either side of the  
orchard fence, Kittie and Jim. He  
was a tall, broad-shouldered coun-  
try lad, she a typical country  
maiden. Behind her lay the or-  
chard of Grandpa Williams, and  
just beyond stood the old-fashioned  
farm house that had been Kittie's  
home ever since her parents died  
and left her, a wee bit of a girl, to  
the care of the grandparents. On  
the other side stretched the green  
meadows belonging to Jim's bac-  
lor uncle, for whom Jim's widowed  
mother kept house. As to the  
fence, it simply marked the bound-  
ary line separating the two farms,  
and had never been a barrier to the  
two young people, although in the  
present instance it was between  
them; for Kittie Williams and Jim  
Harvison had been constant com-  
panions ever since they could re-  
member.

By the same path they had gone  
to the little white school house in  
the valley, where they had learned  
the same lessons, often from the  
same book. As they grew older he  
became her escort to singing  
schools, church socials, and all the  
festivities of their rural neigh-  
borhood, and their elders, looking on,  
nodded as if to say—why not? So  
free and constant had been their in-  
tercourse that scarcely an event or  
association of either life was not  
somehow interwoven with the other.  
Like two clear mountain streams,  
they were flowing side by side, so  
near that the same lights and  
shadows were reflected in them  
both. But just as these two streams  
about to form a single current, one  
took a sudden turn, leaving the old  
familiar channel for a new and  
broader one.

The snag that caused the turning  
was just a letter from Willis Wil-  
liams, Kittie's uncle in the city.  
The rich banker, having married off  
his only daughter, and finding his  
home rather lonely, bethought him  
of his orphan niece. He promised,  
if she would come and live with  
him, to give her every educational  
advantage. And Kittie suddenly  
realized that it was for this she had  
been living these seventeen years;  
this had been foreshadowed in all  
her day dreams, and without it her  
life would have been incomplete.

After much talk her grandparents  
reluctantly consented, and the day  
was set early in September. Her  
trunk was packed, and on this last  
evening before her departure Kittie  
and Jim met by appointment at the  
old meeting place down in the or-  
chard.

There were so many things the  
girl wanted to say. She meant to  
thank Jim for all the kindness to  
her, and urge him to become a good  
and useful man, besides much other  
sisterly advice. Jim, too, had some-  
thing on his mind, but like all last  
interviews the time passed and  
neither said what he or she intended.

The light faded out of the west,  
and the September twilight deep-  
ened. Long shadows crept in  
among the trees, while a timid new  
moon, low down on the horizon, cast  
sidelong glances at the couple from  
underneath the maple boughs. They  
talked of the last picnic, the apple  
crop, how soon the corn would be  
beyond the reach of frost, the need  
of rain for the fall pastures, and  
many like subjects, and then there  
was a pause. Kittie was thinking  
how best to begin, when Jim broke  
the silence with a deep sigh, fol-  
lowed by the remark, "So you're  
really going away to-morrow?"

"Yes," Kittie answered.  
Another sigh from Jim. Then the  
girl laid a little brown hand on  
the top board of the fence, and said,  
looking up half beseechingly, "Oh,  
Jim, don't look so blue. You make  
me 'most wish I wasn't going, and  
you know it's such a splendid  
chance. I mean to learn so much,  
and some day when I come back  
maybe you'll all be proud of me."

"Oh, I s'pose so," was the rather  
unsympathetic response, "but 'pears  
to me you know a plenty now for a  
girl, and as to you comin' back,  
'tain't at all likely you ever will, and  
if you do you'll be changed, much  
changed." And the young fellow  
sighed dolefully.

"Oh, Jim!" Kittie's voice was  
full of distress. "You know I'll  
never change that way, at least, not  
—not—" she hesitated, dropped her  
eyes, and poked the fence post vig-  
orously with the toe of one shoe as  
she concluded primly, "I am sure I

shall always remember you, Jim."

A big, rough hand came down upon  
the little one lying on the fence,  
got all around it, and held it tight,  
while Jim leaned farther over and  
asked earnestly, "I say, Kittie,  
we've known each other a good  
while, ha'n't we?"

"Yes, Jim."

"We've quarreled, but we've al-  
ways made it up," he went on, "and  
we've had lots of good times to-  
gether."

"Yes, Jim," came the faint re-  
sponse.

He continued: "But I ha'n't never  
said nothin' special, now have I?—  
though we've been good friends al-  
ways—and you ha'n't neither."

"Oh, no, of course not, Jim;  
how very silly to think of such a  
thing," and Kittie laughed a little  
hysterical laugh and tried to draw  
away her hand. But she did not  
succeed, and Jim continued, so-  
berly, "I dunno 'bout its bein' silly.  
Maybe 'tis and maybe 'tisn't. If  
you'd stayed here right along, may-  
be—but well, as I's goin' to say, I  
ha'n't never said nothin' special, and  
I want you to go away as free—as  
—"

"He cast all round him for a  
fitting simile, but finding none,  
ended with another doleful sigh.

The girl's heart was beating very  
fast. She had always known that  
she liked Jim, now she knew that it  
was something more.

Just then, if he had said that  
"something special" of which he  
hinted, Kittie would, without doubt,  
have willingly renounced all her  
dreams of the future and been con-  
tent to stay with Jim on the farm.

But fortunately for them both, he  
said no more, and she, lifting up  
her head, said half tearfully,  
"Thank you, Jim; you are very  
good to me, you have always been,  
and I shall never, never, never for-  
get you." Their eyes met, and  
somehow they read each other's  
hearts.

Was it the soft September twi-  
light that cast such a halo about  
their faces? or was it something  
from within?

It was class day at one of our  
Western colleges. The exercises of  
the afternoon were over, and the  
students scattered in groups about  
the campus, were discussing the  
program.

The senior flag floated proudly  
from the flag staff on top of the  
main college building, despite the  
efforts of malicious juniors to drag  
it down. Noble forest trees, that  
had been spared when their com-  
panions were cleared away to make  
room for this temple of Minerva,  
cast a welcome shade across the  
deep green of the velvety grass. To  
and fro trooped gay young people  
in their holiday attire, with here  
and there a grave professor unbend-  
ing to join the mirth. And over  
and around all were the blue sky,  
balm air, and bright sunshine of a  
perfect June day.

One group seemed more enthusi-  
astic than the rest. The tall grace-  
ful young woman in their midst had  
been the star of the afternoon, and  
was not very modestly, but with  
evident appreciation, receiving the  
many compliments paid her.

As she stood there in her dress of  
snowy white, her abundant black  
hair waving back from a face full of  
intellectual strength and womanly  
sweetness, Kate Williams made a  
pleasing picture.

So thought a stranger as he came  
slowly up the street, and, pausing at  
the college entrance, addressed a  
group of freshmen standing near.  
His manner and appearance plainly  
bespoke the uncultured country-  
man, and the students eyed him  
critically, while one asked in a  
rather incredulous tone, "Did you  
say you wanted to find Miss Wil-  
liams, Miss Kate Williams? there  
must be some mistake." But on  
being assured that was the name,  
he pointed out the young lady, and  
curious glances followed the stran-  
ger as he moved up the walk.

"Miss Kate, some one wishes to  
speak with you."

The crowd parted, and Kittie and  
Jim looked into each other's faces  
after five years of separation. She  
knew him at once. That honest  
face and those blue laughing eyes  
could belong to no one else.

There was the same awkward,  
half-defiant manner that Jim always  
assumed in the presence of stran-  
gers. Kittie told herself that she  
had not changed in the least, yet  
she was glad to see him.

She told him so, as she held out  
her hand, and her dark eyes spoke  
even more eloquently than her  
words. Then turning to those im-  
mediately around her, she presented  
him as an old friend.

"You will come home with me,"  
she said. The crowd parted, and  
few dared to stare or look surprised,

as the two passed out of the  
grounds together.

"I was in the city and just  
thought I'd hunt you up and see if  
you'd remember a feller like me,"  
Jim said as they walked along.  
Kate answered that she was very  
glad he did so.

"My, but this is a perty place,"  
he said, looking around him. Then  
turning to his companion he re-  
marked, "Seems to me you've  
grown to match it. Sort of looks  
as if you belonged here. Don't  
know as I'd h'v known you, but  
you did me," he concluded with a  
queer sort of a smile. "Yes, I  
should have known you anywhere,"  
was her reply. Jim had well ex-  
pressed it when he said that Kittie  
had grown to match her surround-  
ings. These five years had re-  
vealed wonderful possibilities in the  
simple country girl.

The atmosphere into which she  
had been transplanted had been  
like dew and sunshine, and in it the  
flower of her nature had expanded,  
strong, pure and beautiful. She  
had drawn nourishment not only  
from books, but also from life. In  
her uncle's home she had every so-  
cial advantage, and whether from  
early training, or something inher-  
ent in herself, society had not  
spoiled her.

Within a year after coming to the  
city both her grandparents died, so  
that Kittie never returned to the  
farm. She and Jim had never cor-  
responded. Kittie heard that Jim's  
uncle married and that Jim and his  
mother had moved away. That was  
all she knew.

But the memory of that night in  
the orchard had remained sweet  
and fragrant like some flower  
pressed between the pages of a book.

Many were the leaves of life she  
had turned since then, but some-  
how it had perfumed them all. She  
had thought little about their ever  
meeting again. Indeed, he had be-  
come more an ideal than a real per-  
son. But now the meeting had ac-  
tually occurred. Here was Jim in  
flesh and blood; Jim, rough, uncul-  
tured, but as good as ever—what  
should she do with him?

They sat in her uncle's parlor and  
talked of old times and people they  
both knew. He asked her to sing,  
and she did so, choosing a simple  
song that seemed to please him.

Once she caught him looking at  
her in a way that brought color to  
her cheeks, but in a moment she  
was herself again, cool and com-  
posed. "Well, Miss Kittie," Jim  
began presently—he used the old  
familiar name, prefixing the "Miss"  
with a tone of great respect—"I  
s'pose you've got a heap of educa-  
tion; now I'd like to know what  
you mean to do with it? that is, if  
you don't mind tellin'."

"Certainly not," Kittie answered.  
"I have just finished the college  
course, but that is only the begin-  
ning, you know. I have chosen a  
profession and expect to spend two  
years in the study of law, and then  
enter life's work."

Jim whistled softly. "Well,  
now," he said, "that sounds like  
business; sure you ha'n't no notion  
goin' into partnership with any of  
these fine lookin' chaps round here?"

"None whatever," she answered.  
"Look here, Miss Kittie," Jim said,  
growing very earnest, "I always  
felt, somehow, as if you and me  
was just made for each other. You  
liked me once, I know, and I—well,  
I thought a sight of you, and I  
ha'n't changed my mind one bit;  
but I reckon there ain't no show for  
the likes of me along side of law  
and them things; now say, is there,  
Miss Kittie?"

Some girls might have laughed at  
his blunt way of putting it, but not  
Kate Williams. She saw the wis-  
tful look in his eyes and knew that  
he was in earnest. Besides, his  
words touched a responsive chord  
in her own heart. The love that  
had lain silent so long found voice  
and pleaded Jim's cause.

After all, was there anything bet-  
ter in life than love? There were  
so few true hearts—ought she re-  
fuse this one?

But only for a moment did she  
hesitate, then another voice whis-  
pered, "No, you would not be true  
to him nor to yourself, even though  
you love him, for love alone never  
made lasting happiness; there must  
be sympathy and congeniality."

And Kittie answered with gentle  
firmness, "Yes, I did like you once,  
and I have never found any man I  
liked better, but I couldn't marry  
you now; it wouldn't be right."

"Education does make a differ-  
ence. It is not that I am better  
than you, but so much has come  
into my life of which you know  
nothing. We could not enjoy the  
same things, and might soon tire of  
each other. I believe many mar-  
ried people are unhappy just for

this reason, they have little in com-  
mon and must live most of their  
lives apart. Oh, my friend, how  
often I have wished for you to have  
the same advantages that I have en-  
joyed; you would improve them so  
well. Perhaps it is not too late  
even now. Many young men of my  
acquaintance have worked their  
way through college who hadn't  
half your energy and ability. Will  
you try it?"

The girl had spoken rapidly and  
with much earnestness, and when  
she had finished James Harvison  
was standing in front of her, look-  
ing eagerly into her face. "And if  
I should, what then," he asked,  
"would there be any chance for me  
then, Miss Kittie?"

"Oh, I didn't mean, I—I wasn't  
urging you for that," stammered  
Kittie in confusion.

"I know that," replied the young  
man, "but I want your answer."

"Why, as to that," said Kittie,  
"you know you might change your  
mind by that time, but your educa-  
tion would be your own reward,  
and I wish you would try."

"Thank you, Miss Kittie," Jim  
said; "I shall take your advice.  
Who knows but what I shall turn  
out a lawyer, too! At any rate you  
will hear from me again. Good-by."

And before Kittie realized it Jim  
was gone.

The next morning dawned warm  
and close, as all commencement  
days are sure to be. The college  
auditorium was crowded to its ut-  
most capacity. The speaker was a  
man of considerable eminence, but  
his scholarly address received little  
more than passive attention. At its  
close he was heartily applauded,  
and then a flutter of genuine inter-  
est swept over the audience as the  
heads of the various departments  
brought forward their graduates and  
presented them to the president to  
receive their diplomas.

Then from all parts of the room  
came numerous floral offerings, be-  
sides books and other tokens of  
friendship. Many of these found  
their way to where Kate Williams  
sat, and among them was one that  
attracted special attention. It was  
a large bouquet.

Most of those who saw it only  
thought it beautiful without know-  
ing why. A few, with more artistic  
sense, perceived that it was a rare  
combination of the old and new.  
There were the old-fashioned flowers  
such as grew in Grandma Williams'  
garden, side by side with the rarest  
productions of the florist's art.  
There were bright hollyhocks and  
geraniums and costly roses, wood  
violets and German pansies, feath-  
ery larkspur, golden marigolds and  
rich carnations, delicate wild bloss-  
oms of all kinds, and sweet strange  
flowers. The effect of the whole  
was charming beyond description.

A card attached bore the name of  
James Harvison, written in a bold,  
clear hand. "Dear old Jim," Kit-  
tie said to herself. "How nice of  
him to remind me thus of my old  
home while not forgetting the new.  
I wonder if he really thought of  
that?"

She meant to express her appreci-  
ation, but when the audience dis-  
persed Jim was nowhere to be seen,  
and Kittie walked home a little per-  
plexed. On the table in her room  
she found a large envelope lying  
addressed to her in the same bold  
handwriting.

She tore it open hastily, but was  
again disappointed. What she saw  
was a program of commencement  
exercises, the following week, at a  
college some fifty miles distant.  
"Who could have sent on this?"  
she said, as she turned it over and  
glanced at the list of graduates.  
Then she sank speechless into the  
nearest chair, for the first name on  
the list was that of James Harvi-  
son!

Could there be another by that  
name? No, she was sure there was  
not. Presently she picked up the  
envelope that had fallen to the floor  
and a letter fell out. She opened it  
and read:

MY DEAR MISS KITTIE: I hope  
you will forgive the part that I  
played for the sake of old times and  
the purpose I had in view.

I too have been to college for the  
past four years, and next week  
shall graduate with honors. I have  
kept watch of you all the time.  
Sometimes it has been hard to keep  
silence, but I had determined to do  
it. I came to you yesterday to  
learn whether or not my old-time  
friend had been entirely supplanted  
by the brilliant college graduate.

To serve my purpose better I as-  
sumed as nearly as possible the  
manner and appearance of the  
country Jim you left five years ago.  
I thought if you had forgotten me,  
or were ashamed to take me by the  
hand in the presence of your associ-  
ates, just because you thought me  
less cultured than they, then I  
should know that you had wholly  
changed, and I would go away and  
treasure the memory of my little

schoolmate as of some one dead  
and gone.

Well, you know the result. I  
found you changed, yes; but only  
as flowers change from bud to bloss-  
om.

In the bouquet that I sent you  
this morning I have tried to symbol-  
ize the change. The girl has grown  
into a woman, retaining all the sim-  
ple, natural graces of mind and  
heart, adding to them those that  
come from culture, study and expe-  
rience.

I do not think we ever change  
radically, we only grow.

Your cordial welcome gave me  
courage. Perhaps I risked a good  
deal in saying what I did to you,  
but your answer showed your com-  
mon sense, and I admire you for it;  
however, I shall accept it as final.

But for the present I only ask to  
meet you on equal grounds and let  
you see what changes time has  
wrought in me.

Strange as it may seem, I too had  
already chosen the law for my pro-  
fession. I am obliged to leave the  
city by an early train, but shall see  
you soon. Till then I am, yours  
truly,  
J. H.

The rest of the story is quickly  
told, Kate and James were class-  
mates for two years in the law  
school, and when admitted to the  
bar and ready for business decided  
to form a partnership, and the firm  
goes by the name of "Harvison &  
Harvison."

For James Harvison has grown  
broad-minded in many ways, and no  
longer thinks that a girl needs less  
education than a boy, for as he said  
to his wife the other day, "The  
world needs just such women as  
you, with courage, heart and brain  
to defend the rights and plead for  
justice without losing one jot of  
their womanliness—women who will  
not change their sphere, but only  
broaden it."

Among Kittie's choic





VOLUME TWENTY-FOUR.

This week's number of the INDEPENDENT introduces volume twenty-four. It will be observed that two important changes mark the beginning of another year in the history of the newspaper founded by the present editor and proprietor at Trappe, June 3, 1875, viz: An abbreviation of the title of the paper and a reduction in the price of subscription per annum from \$1.25 to \$1.00. We say good-bye to a portion of the old name with regret, yet considerations of convenience and appropriateness, under circumstances different from those which pertained years ago, seem to fully warrant the adoption of a new title or heading, in part. We think our readers will agree with us on this point.

In relation to the reduction in the price of subscription we have to observe that since cheapness in journalism in Montgomery county has become the rule, rather than the exception, the INDEPENDENT has decided to commercially meet competitors, at least those that merit recognition, on even terms. The chief reason why newspaper publishers, as a rule, receive less compensation, considering the amount of brain work involved, than workers in many other professions is that some of them have chosen to boom their circulation by appealing to the sordidness rather than to the intelligence of the public. The public is not to be censured because it takes to such bait, for it is the human nature of man to sell high and buy low; hence the commercial standard of weekly newspapers has been depreciated, and the newspapers have been the cause of the depreciation. The value of a single idea, or of a thought that will give rise to a train of thought headed in the right direction cannot readily be estimated in dollars and cents, yet a vehicle of information containing such thoughts every week is looked upon by at least a portion of the public as something that should be secured at the very lowest possible figure, with a chromo thrown in as a special inducement.

We are gratified to be able to say that the INDEPENDENT during the past year has fully received its usual share of public support. It has stood for a number of years upon a solid foundation, financially and otherwise. The reduction in price of subscription will not be allowed to lower the quality of the reading matter in the columns of the INDEPENDENT. It has a standard of its own and is able to maintain it.

To our large circle of readers and patrons we renew our thanks for substantial and appreciative support, and we cordially invite a continuance of their favors.

HERE'S to Lieutenant Hobson, the hero of Santiago!

THE larger Daily Intelligencer of Doylestown has made a distinct journalistic step in advance.

THE city of Reading, the capital of Berks county, the great industrial centre of the Schuylkill Valley, is this week celebrating in elaborate style the 150th anniversary of its existence as borough, town and city.

At a recent Cabinet meeting it was the opinion of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Treasury, that the cost of the war with Spain will not be less than \$500,000,000, and that if the war shall be continued for one year the total cost will be approximately \$900,000,000.

PRICES of wheat and corn have declined in consequence of future crop prospects. The prospects of the new wheat crop are bright, a yield of 600,000,000 bushels being anticipated. Yet this cereal will command a good price since there will be no surplus of old wheat to bear the market when the new is ready for shipment.

SAYS Dun's Review of June 4:—May having been the first full month of actual war, the fact that failures in that month were smaller, even though but little, than in the corresponding month last year, and

nearly 10 per cent. smaller than in May, 1896, is somewhat encouraging, the more because a year ago the remarkable decrease in May gave proof of the heavy improvement in business which made the year so gratifying in general results.

At the Republican State Convention, held at Harrisburg last Thursday, the following ticket was nominated:

Governor—William A. Stone, of Allegheny.  
Lieutenant Governor—J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon.  
Secretary of Internal Affairs—James W. Latta, of Philadelphia.  
Judge of the Superior Court—William W. Porter, of Philadelphia.  
Congressman-at-Large—Galusha K. Grow, of Susquehanna; Samuel A. Davenport, of Erie.

The Wanamaker delegates supported C. W. Stone. The vote was: 198 for W. A. Stone, and 164 for C. W. Stone. Mr. Wanamaker withdrew as a candidate before the Convention for the purpose of becoming an independent candidate before the people; but he has time in which to change his mind.

The result of the Convention was another victory for Matthew Stanley Quay. That it was achieved by only a small majority makes it none the less a victory. The result exhibits the power of systematized effort in the realm of politics; it likewise shows that the new Moses of the Republican party has not as yet been out of the burlesque long enough to become the generally accepted leader of the Republican party in Pennsylvania. But it cannot be disputed that Mr. Wanamaker made an heroic and able effort in behalf of party reform and in behalf of himself as a candidate for United States Senator. The ability and pluck and long-windedness of the Philadelphia merchant must be admired by friend and foe alike.

And now what? With Stone, with Wanamaker, with Swallow, with a Democrat or two, genuine or otherwise, with a Populist—all candidates for Governor of Pennsylvania!

Won't it be an interesting and complex conglomeration of Pennsylvania politics? Of course it will! And somebody is going to get to the top of the roost and crow the loudest, after the boys come marching home from the battle of the ballots.

It is to be most devoutly hoped that the result of the coming contest in Pennsylvania will be the election to office of men who won't steal, who won't sacrifice good government on the altar of private greed; men who will practice reform—whether they be Quakers, Wanamakers, Swallows, or Democrats, or Bryanites.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8, 1898.—Old Glory has been planted upon Cuban soil, and possibly also upon that of Porto Rico, and everybody in Washington has acquired bulletin board faces and rubber necks looking for news of great victories at both places. The flag has been carried to Cuba by troops under Gen. Shafter, who are charged with the duty of capturing the forts in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba and otherwise aid Admiral Sampson in capturing or destroying the Spanish fleet in that harbor. Much fake news from Santiago has come to Washington this week and some official news from Commodore Schley, but the latter was not made public. Some of the Santiago forts have been battered down already by Schley. Many believe that as soon as this fleet is disposed of and Porto Rico captured that the end of the war will be in sight; that Spain will then see that the longer she fights the worse her finish will be, and will ask some of the European powers to secure peace upon the best terms the United States will grant, and will gladly evacuate Cuba without waiting to be driven out.

The opponents of the annexation of Hawaii won a temporary victory when it was agreed that the Lodge amendment to the War Revenue bill should be withdrawn and that bill passed before any further attempts are made to secure annexation legislation from the Senate. Speaker Reed still blocks the annexation resolution in the House. Friends of the President are very positively saying that if Congress fails to provide for annexation he intends to seize and hold Hawaii as a military necessity, but the anti's say they are making a bluff.

It is impossible to turn in Washington without seeing or hearing something showing how awfully expensive war is. Paymaster General Stanton has submitted estimates to Secretary Alger of the amount that will be needed to pay the 75,000 volunteers under the second call of the President, for the remainder of this calendar year, and Secretary Alger will ask Congress to appropriate the money, about \$15,000,000. This item will probably be added to the General Deficiency bill, which is already the largest in the history of Congress, carrying something like \$208,000,000. It is a good thing that this country has unlimited financial resources to fall back upon; otherwise the expense of the

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF:

DARING WORK OF LIEUTENANT HOBSON AND A CREW OF SEVEN MEN—SANTIAGO FORTS SILENCED—250 SPANISH IARDS REPORTED KILLED.

Lieutenant Hobson and a crew of seven men, of Admiral Sampson's fleet, on Saturday, steamed the Merimac into the narrow channel at Santiago, under the hot fire of the enemy, steamed as it were into the very jaws of death, and by exploding a torpedo sank the vessel and blocked the channel, thus shutting in the Spanish fleet. The deed was one of the most remarkably heroic in the annals of ancient or modern warfare. The escape from death of the brave Lieutenant and his brave crew was marvelous indeed! Lieutenant Hobson and his men are now Spanish prisoners, as a flag of truce announces, and will be exchanged, in due course of time, but that their mission was successful admits of no doubt.

Dispatches announce that Admiral Sampson bombarded the Santiago fortifications, Tuesday, and silenced them. It took the squadron under his command just two hours and fifty minutes to sink two Spanish ships and ruin and silence the old fortifications of Santiago. The bombardment, which was begun by the American vessels at 7.10 o'clock in the morning, was most terrific and effective. From their land fortifications and from the warships commanded by Admiral Cervera, the Spaniards vigorously responded to the cannonading of the Americans. It was, however, a weaker force coping with a stronger. One by one the fortifications of Spain were ruined and silenced. Even old Morro, which Admiral Sampson had ordered his guns to spare, it having been stated to him that the heroic Hobson and his seven followers were confined there, was hit by several 13-inch projectiles and practically demolished.

It is known that many Spaniards were killed and wounded in the fortifications, it being estimated that 250 Spanish lives were lost and upwards of 300 soldiers and marines were wounded in the combat.

war might prove to be a disastrous encumbrance to carry.

The average American's idea about Russia is that it is a barbarous and very poor country. The State Department has received a report from the U. S. Consul at Moscow, which contains the official figures showing the cost of the great Siberian Railway, built by the Russian government, and those figures will probably cause many American eyes to open with astonishment. The total cost of the Siberian Railway will be \$71,009,947 Russian rubles, equivalent to \$188,014,988, of which \$162,990,660 has been paid. A country that can conceive and carry through such a great industrial project as this railway is certainly more progressive than barbarous, and one that can pay as it goes for such a work cannot be correctly classed as a very poor country.

Notwithstanding the war news the politicians have devoted considerable time to discussing the nomination of Hon. Oscar S. Straus, of New York, to be United States Minister to Turkey, in place of Dr. James B. Angell, who has resigned to resume his place as President of the University of Michigan. The fitness of Mr. Straus for the place is conceded by everybody. What has made the talk among the politicians is that he held the same position under the Cleveland administration. It looks like an attempt to remove diplomatic appointments from the arena of partisan politics, and has therefore interested and alarmed the politicians.

The international occurrences of the week have an important, although indirect, bearing upon the war. The President has officially proclaimed the fact that a reciprocity treaty with France went into effect June 1; an agreement has been signed by representatives of the two governments providing for the formation of a commission to consider all questions that are in dispute between the United States and Canada, to negotiate a treaty for the final settlement of them all, and a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Great Britain is well under way. The effect of these official announcements upon the attitude of the other European governments towards the United States is already apparent, and is likely to become more so. Governments are like individuals, they waste no sympathy upon the loser.

According to figures prepared at the Treasury Department to assist in arranging the tariff duties that will be levied in the Philippine Islands by General Merritt, as soon as he takes charge as Military Governor, those islands have not been the bonanza to Spain that some persons have supposed. The total receipts of Spain from the islands in 1894 was \$13,199,662, and the total expenditures there for the same year \$12,908,287. It is believed, however, that a considerable portion of the latter represents "pickings" which went into the pockets of corrupt officials.

A BEAR ON A COW CATCHER.

HE HELD FAST FOR A TEN-MILE RUN, AND THEN WAS HUNTED AND SHOT. From the Boston Transcript.

Not long ago as a railroad train was passing through Wilders's Cut, near Olcott, Pa., the engineer was astonished to see a black bear coming around a sharp curve. The cut is so narrow that there is hardly room for a man to stand aside and allow an engine to pass without striking him. Bruin was more amazed than the engineer. Instead of stepping aside, he reared on his hind legs and awaited events. The locomotive was running less than twenty miles an hour, for the place

is a dangerous one. Upon seeing the bear the engineer shut off steam and applied the brakes, but the distance was too short to escape an accident. The cow-catcher slid under the hind legs of the brute and lifted him off the ground.

Thinking all trouble was over the engineer put on steam once more, while the fireman climbed out of the cab window and stole along the guard rail to find out what had become of the bear. He was there, clapping the cow-catcher, the lower part of his body just grazing the ground and his head almost reaching the bottom of the headlight.

As soon as the engine came to a standstill bruin slipped from his perch and made a break for freedom. This took him straight toward the agent, who dashed through the door, slammed it shut, leaped through the rear door and went up the street at a furious rate, calling out: "Bear! Bear! Somebody get a gun!"

Soon the town was in a turmoil, a yelling crowd following in hot pursuit of the bear, some of the boys pelting him with stones. Suddenly a big shepherd dog bounded out of a yard and dashed after the bear. Bruin paused but a minute or two, but when he passed on the rash dog had no future interest in the proceedings.

At the street corner a lawyer carrying a double-barrel gun came face to face with the bear, but the latter turned down the nearest alley. The crowd increased and encircled the animal, making escape impossible. Finding himself at bay, bruin backed up against a barn, rearing on his hind legs. The lawyer sent two bullets into the bear, whereupon the wounded animal charged the crowd. One urechin fell, was trampled upon and had a leg broken. The lawyer slipped another bullet into his gun and sent the shot through bruin's head and finished him. By this time the engineer and fireman recalled the fact that a trainload of passengers were waiting at the station, and hurried back and resumed their official duties after a bear hunt of about twenty minutes.

HOBSON THE NEW HERO.

ONLY TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD, A RESIDENT OF ALABAMA, AN ATHLETE AND A SCHOLAR.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Richmond P. Hobson, the officer of the Merimac occasion, is an assistant naval constructor and hence attached to the staff and therefore not ordinarily engaged in line duty. He entered the Naval Academy from Alabama in May, 1885, and is now 28 years old. He graduated in 1889 at the head of his class and as a consequence of a distinction was sent to France by the government to take a course in naval architecture, in pursuance of a policy to give a few cadets of the highest standing a chance to acquire the highest possible knowledge and skill. He attended the Ecole Polytechnique and returned to the United States in 1892.

He served for a time in the Bureau of Construction in Washington and then went to the navy yard at New York. Later he served with Admiral Bunce on the North Atlantic station and thence went to the Naval Academy to take charge of a post-graduate course of instruction in naval construction. When the war broke out he applied for active duty and was sent with three naval cadets under his charge to the flagship of Admiral Sampson's squadron. He is described as tall, athletic-built, very quiet and unassuming in manner and would not be picked out ordinarily as having the high bravery his intimate associates knew lay beneath a very modest manner.

Bread Riots.

From the Indianapolis News.

The world has seen many bread riots. In 1756, when harvests all

over the world were short, wheat went up as it did last week, to the equivalent of \$1.50 a bushel, and in England there were insurrections on account of the scarcity of bread. In 1767, when the price of wheat rose in Mark Lane to the equivalent of \$1.80 a bushel, there were serious disturbances all over England, and great violence was done by the starving populace. In 1775, when the price of wheat again went to an almost prohibitive price to the poor, it was necessary, in France, for the troops to guard the markets, and a general insurrection was only kept down by the prompt massing of troops in the disaffected and suffering places. The world well knows what a formidable part was played on the eve of the French revolution by the rise in foodstuffs, and it will be readily recalled how frequent since that revolution were the expressions of popular hunger and despair up to the time of the enormous expansion of the American grain production and the fall in agricultural prices. It is most pitiful to think of people, driven by want to the cry for bread, a cry which, if made too insistently, is answered with bullets.

AN ELEPHANT'S TEETH.

THE QUEEREST IN THE WHOLE ANIMAL KINGDOM.

Whoever has looked inside an elephant's mouth has seen a strange sight. Elephants have no front teeth, and they never eat flesh, or any food that requires tearing apart. Eight teeth are all they have, two above and below on each side, huge yellow molars as wide as a man's hand, and about two inches thick. Over these hay or fodder is shifted by the queerest, ugliest tongue in the whole animal kingdom, a tongue that is literally hung at both ends, having no power or movement except in the middle, where it shifts back and forth from side to side, arching up against the roof of the big mouth like an immense wrinkled pink serpent.

There is nothing stranger than the working of an elephant's tongue, unless it be the working of his breathing apparatus, which he sleeps. Elephants, like human beings, have two sets of teeth—the milk teeth, which are smaller than the permanent molars, fall out when the animals are about 14 years old. These baby teeth, which are, nevertheless, enormous, are occasionally picked up by circus men among the fodder and preserved as curiosities.

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—Final concert of the Ursinus Glee and Mandolin Clubs in Memorial Hall this (Thursday) evening. Admission 25 cents. Go and get the full worth of your money.

—Landes Brothers, of Yorkes, are paying \$1.00 per bushel for wheat this week.

—All remember the coming Firemen's Festival next Saturday evening. Listen to the good music and favor the boys with your patronage.

—Races at Spring City Saturday afternoon, June 11. At Hillborn's track, Royersford, Saturday afternoon, June 18.

—A trolley line is to be built from South Allentown to Emaus. It will be in operation before August 1.

—The Lee Surgical works, at Conshohocken, are making 200,000 packages of absorbent cotton and bandages for the government.

—Strawberry and ice cream festival on the lawn of Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, Saturday evening, June 18. The Royersford Band will furnish good music.

—Sometimes even trifles do violence to principles of fairness.

—The annual festival in the Episcopal grove will be on Saturday, the 25th. Special musical attractions are expected.

—Samuel Bernhardt, a brakeman on the Reading railway, was crushed to death at Tamaqua, while coupling cars.

—We admire the man who talks right out in meeting, especially if he stops when he has said what he has to say.—Puck.

—Lake Huron divers have accomplished the feat of recovering a cargo of 600 tons of copper from a wreck submerged to a depth of 160 feet, where it had been for thirty-two years.

—A girl picked up a pocketbook containing more than \$20, which had been dropped by a lady on Hanover street, and when it was handed to the loser the latter paid over the generous (?) reward of one cent.—Pittstown Ledger.

## Philadelphia Markets.

Winter bran, \$16.00@16.50; flour, \$5.00 to \$6.25; rye flour, \$3.80; wheat, \$1.11 to \$1.12; corn, 37c; oats, 33c; butter, 18 to 22c; poultry, live, 83c@85c, dressed, 90c@92c; timothy hay, 62c@65c, mixed, 45c@47c; straw, 30c@32c; beef cattle 34c@36c; sheep, 30c@32c; lambs, 34c@36c; hogs, western, 54c@56c.

## RELIGIOUS.

Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 3 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

On and after the first Sunday in June divine service will be held at Union Church, Wetherill corner, near Shannonsville, in the morning at 10.30. Service throughout the year in the afternoon at St. Paul's Memorial, near Oaks, at 3.30. Benj. J. Douglass, rector.

Ironbridge: Preaching next Sabbath evening at 7.45; Sabbath School at 2 o'clock p. m.; Christian Endeavor 7 p. m. All are invited to these services.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 8.45 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer-meeting on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Communion service on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Junior C. E. prayer-meeting at 3 p. m., on Saturday. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

M. E. Church, Evansburg, Second Quarterly Conference Saturday next, at 10 o'clock, a. m., Dr. McDowell, Presiding Elder, in charge. Dr. McDowell will also preach in said church on Sunday morning, at 10.30 o'clock. Children's Day service will be held Sunday evening.

Trinity church: Wednesday evening, prayer service, 8.00 o'clock. Sunday: Sunday School, at 8.45 o'clock, a. m.; preaching, at 10 a. m.; Dr. C. E. prayer-meeting, at 2 p. m., and the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service at 6.30 o'clock, Mr. George Kopenhafer, leader. The pastor preaches at Skippackville, Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock.

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## Pastor's Aid Society.

A regular meeting of the Lutheran Pastor's Aid Society, of Trappe, will be held on Saturday, June 11, at 2.30 p. m.

## A Land Deal in Trappe.

Richard Poole has purchased of John S. Kepler a nicely located lot fronting 197 feet on Main street, Trappe. The lot has a depth of 536 feet.

## Religious Meeting.

It is proposed to hold a religious meeting in the Providence Friends' Meeting House on the afternoon of the 12th inst., at 3 o'clock. Ministering Friends are expected to be present.

## Died at the Almshouse.

Hugo Furman, of Norristown, died of consumption at the Almshouse, Tuesday morning. He had been an inmate of the institution for about two weeks. Relatives will claim the body.

## Y. W. C. T. U.

The Y. W. C. T. U., of Yorkes, will hold a meeting at the residence of Mrs. John Keiff, on Monday evening, June 13. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to the public.

## Children's Day.

The Bible school of the Lower Providence Baptist Church will observe Children's Day with appropriate exercises next Sunday afternoon, June 12, at 2.30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to be present.

## Will Preach at Shannonsville.

Rev. S. O. Perry has taken charge of the preaching service at the Baptist Church, at Shannonsville. He preached there Sunday evening, and will preach every alternate Sunday evening until further notice.

## Overcrowded.

The overcrowding of the Norristown State Hospital for the Insane continues, and 315 persons are nightly compelled to sleep in the corridors. The matter can only be remedied by the State appropriating money for new buildings.

## Fifteenth Anniversary.

Delegates from Young People's Societies in Reading, Spring City, Collegeville, Trappe, Phoenixville and Norristown, will meet at the fifteenth anniversary exercises at the First Presbyterian Church, Pottstown, Friday.

## Business to be Continued.

Business will be continued as heretofore at the blacksmith shop of the late Harry Moore, near Perkiomen Bridge. Harry Pooley, who has been engaged there for some time as blacksmith, will conduct the business for Mrs. Emma Moore, administratrix, and the persons of the shop will be well served.

## Trolley Party at Shaw's Hotel.

Poconchos Tribe of Red Ladies, of Norristown, trolleyed to this borough last Thursday evening and enjoyed several pleasant hours at Shaw's hotel. Musicians from Phoenixville furnished music for the dancers. A number of the ladies wore masquerade costumes. Refreshments were served on the lawn at the hotel. Good order prevailed throughout the evening and the event was an enjoyable one.

## Turpentine Company Managers Elected.

The annual meeting of the Perkiomen and Reading Turpentine Company was held Monday. Officers elected: F. M. Hobson, president; Jeremiah Fyock, treasurer; D. B. Mauger, secretary; managers, H. W. Kratz, W. A. Arnold, J. H. Egolf, J. H. Heister, W. P. Corvelli, E. S. Longenecker, E. P. Ancona, R. T. Leaf, F. R. Gerhart, J. Y. Yocum, Jr., who succeeds John Y. Fritz, deceased.

## Largely Attended Anniversary.

The exercises attending the tenth anniversary of the Lower Providence Alumni Association in the Baptist church, Saturday evening, were much appreciated by a large audience. Every part of the interesting program was well sustained. Excellent lanterns, for which was included in the list of good things served. The young folks had a good time.

## June Term of Criminal Court.

The June term of criminal court began at Norristown Monday morning, before Judges Swartz and Weand. Joseph H. Garber, of Pottstown, was chosen for one of the grand jurors. The first case called was that of Elizabeth Printz, charged with keeping a disorderly house in Norristown. She was found guilty and sentenced to one year imprisonment. The Grand Jury found a true bill in the case of George Vogel, charged with assault and attempt to kill.

## Death of Mrs. Funk.

Martha, wife of Rev. Henry R. Funk, died at the Methodist's Old People's Home, Philadelphia, Wednesday last week, aged 73 years. Brief services were held at the Home Friday evening and on Saturday morning the body was brought to Collegeville on the 10.24 train, where it was received by Undertaker J. L. Wachter. After a short service in Trinity Church, conducted by Dr. Hendricks, the remains were laid to rest in the family lot in the cemetery. The deceased had been a great sufferer for some time from cancer in her throat, which finally caused her death. A husband and five children survive, as follows: Anna, Ella, Edwin, Eugene, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Jacob Garber. The deceased was well known to the older people of the community, where she resided with her husband for a number of years, Mr. Funk being at one time keeper of the toll-gate and at another time assistant postmaster at Collegeville, and for many years a local Methodist minister of considerable prominence.

## Lutheran Ministerium.

The 150th annual meeting of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States commenced its sessions Thursday in Zion's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, and will close to-day.

## Increase Granted.

The State has granted the Keystone Telephone Company additional charter privileges, allowing the company to increase its capital stock from \$15,000 to \$50,000. Work on the extension of the line to Telford is being pushed.

## Will Hold Their Annual Reunion at Ringing Rocks.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Montgomery Alumni Association, Saturday afternoon, it was decided to hold the annual reunion at Ringing Rocks Park, on Thursday, July 28.

## The Coming Firemen's Festival.

The coming strawberry and ice cream festival of the Collegeville Fire Company, in Burgess Clamer's Park, next Saturday evening, June 11, promises to be a largely attended event. The Spring City Band will present a program of excellent music during the evening. Don't forget the festival next Saturday evening, June 11.

## Muhlenberg College.

The catalogue of Muhlenberg College has come to hand, and gives evidence of growth and prosperity. It shows that 160 students were in attendance during the past year, 21 in the Senior, 28 in the Junior, 22 in the Sophomore, and 39 in the Freshman Class, and 50 in the Academic Department. The number of the Alumni is 416.

## The First Memorial Stone.

H. L. Saylor, proprietor of the Collegeville Marble and Granite Works, has placed a memorial stone over the first grave in the new cemetery of the United Evangelical church at Ziegler'sville. The stone is of Quincy granite, and is attractive and substantial. The first grave in the new cemetery thus marked contains the remains of the late John S. Scheule.

## Democratic Politics.

At a recent meeting of the Democratic County Committee at the Rambo House, Norristown, it was decided to hold a county convention on Tuesday, June 12. Chairman Shaner was authorized to name five conferees to represent this county in a joint conference with five representatives of the Bucks county Democracy, who will fix a date for the Congressional convention.

## Christian Endeavor Social.

On Monday evening, June 6, the friends and Endeavorers of St. Luke's Y. P. S. C. E., Trappe, assembled at the home of J. G. Kerschner to spend a social evening. The rooms were beautifully decorated with roses and other flowers in season. Music and games were indulged in, after which refreshments were served. A very pleasant evening was spent.

## Improvement at Grater's Ford.

A larges shed is being erected opposite J. H. Grater's Ford, on the road to the hotel on ground belonging to the hotel property. The structure will be of modern design as to internal conveniences and will afford ample stable room for 20 horses. It will be occupied principally by J. H. Fisher, the well-known dealer in horses. The building is being constructed in a most substantial manner.

## Banquet and Farewell.

The class of '98 of the Collegeville High School gave their first banquet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hess, on Fifth avenue, Friday evening. The occasion, which also included a farewell to the principal, Mr. Hess, was participated in by the pupils of the High School. The lawn was illuminated with Japanese lanterns. For which was included in the list of good things served. The young folks had a good time.

## A Child Badly Burned.

A two-year-old daughter of James McCoy, of Norristown, met with an accident on Sunday afternoon that may prove fatal. The child got hold of her father's vest and several matches fell from the pocket upon the floor. In some manner one of them became ignited and set fire to the child's dress. The next instant she was a mass of flames and was badly burned about the body before the fire could be extinguished. The child is not expected to recover.

## TROLLEY NOTES.

The work of placing trolley tracks across the tracks of the Perkiomen Railroad on Main street, is progressing rapidly. General Manager Douglass says the work of putting in the crossing, and of planting the poles and placing the wires in proper position will be completed in time to operate the cars to the end of the line in the upper part of the borough, Saturday afternoon next.

## The Company began half-hour service Tuesday afternoon and will continue the same indefinitely.

## THE DOINGS OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

The old Board of Directors of this borough met at Druggist Culbert's home Monday evening and reviewed the affairs of the year, and adjourned, finally. The new Board will meet and effect an organization in the near future. The incoming Directors, to succeed Dr. E. A. Krusen and Joseph Culbert, are Frank H. Gristock and Daniel Wait.

The School Board of the borough of Trappe met Monday evening and reorganized by electing H. U. Wismer, President; Irwin Weikel, Secretary; and Anthony Pooley, Treasurer. The probabilities are that at a future meeting all the old teachers will be re-elected. The Directors decided to repaint and otherwise improve the school building.

## Demorest Medal Contest.

At the Demorest Silver Medal Contest held Tuesday evening in Masonic Hall, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Luke's Reformed church, the following were awarded the medal to Miss Bertha Hamer, of this borough, and gave honorable mention to Miss Alma Young.

## Perkiomen's Commencement.

The eleventh annual commencement of the public schools of Perkiomen in Union Chapel, Iron Bridge, last Saturday evening, attracted a large audience and much interest was manifested in the exercises. The names of the graduates were published last week. All acquitted themselves very creditably. The diplomas were presented by Dr. C. W. Everhart in a brief address. An address was also delivered by Prof. Oscar S. Kriebel.

## Insurance Company Officers Elected.

At the recent annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Company, in Norristown, the following managers were elected: Henry S. Kulp, Henry Fleck, James Tracy, Martin Kulp, Henry S. Hallman, Andrew Supplee, Frederick Beaver, Abraham K. Ziegler, John Whitteman, O. H. Nase, Louis S. Whitcomb, B. F. DeFrain, A. J. Truckess. The Board of Managers subsequently organized by electing Henry Fleck President, Henry S. Kulp Secretary and Andrew Supplee Treasurer.

## Death Followed an Operation for Appendicitis.

Last Thursday, Willie, aged 8, son of Milton Bandt, of Perkiomen township, suffered a severe attack of appendicitis. His condition soon became alarming and the attending physician, Dr. E. A. Krusen, recommended that he be operated on as speedily as possible. Thursday evening Willie, accompanied by his physician, was taken to Hahemann Hospital, Philadelphia, where an operation was performed and a highly inflamed and partially decomposed appendix was successfully removed. It was thought the operation would be attended with favorable results, but the boy grew worse and died Friday evening. The funeral will be held to-day at 10 a. m. Services and interment at the Lutheran church and cemetery, Schwenksville.

## Proposed New Road.

Beginning of last week a jury composed of G. W. Steiner, Esq., Geo. C. Hollenback and F. R. Deeds, viewed the site for a new road leading from the Phoenixville road at a point near the line dividing this borough from Upper Providence to the road leading from Trappe to Phoenixville, a mile and one-tenth in length. The road if granted, will prove to be a splendid thoroughfare, one that will obviate the present necessity of ascending and descending two very steep hills on a circuitous roadway; one that will shorten the distance between the county seat and the almshouse, and that will prove to be of much convenience to persons in the western part of Upper Providence who frequently have occasion to come to this borough or visit Norristown and other points. The jury will meet at Perkiomen Bridge on Thursday, June 23, to hear testimony.

## Death of E. C. Keeler.

Ephraim C. Keeler died suddenly and unexpectedly Friday morning at his residence in Providence Square, Lower Providence, aged 72 years. About 9 o'clock in the morning Mr. Keeler was engaged in operating a lawn mower in his yard and seemed to be in the enjoyment of excellent health. Mrs. Keeler, no longer bearing the noise of the machine, looked out into the yard and saw Mr. Keeler lying on the ground, groaning. When willing neighbors came to carry him into the house he expired. His sudden death is a very sad bereavement to Mrs. Keeler and a source of sorrow to his former neighbors and friends who esteemed him highly. No children were born to him. For many years Mr. Keeler was engaged in the store business at Providence Square. He retired about ten years ago. The funeral was held Tuesday at 10 a. m. Interment in the cemetery of the Providence Baptist Church, of which deceased was a member.

## Our Public Schools.

It is admitted on all sides that good work was done in our public schools during the school year recently closed. With Mr. A. B. Hess as principal, Mr. John H. Bartman, as teacher in the intermediate department, and with Miss Neal in charge of the primary school, substantial progress has been made in educational work. Under the circumstances it is to be particularly regretted that the principal, Mr. Hess, has resigned his position to consider a position tendered him elsewhere at a largely increased salary. His work here has been of such a scope and character as to warrant the Directors and patrons in uniting in a request that he withdraw from the school and serve the borough for another year. In recommending the improved text-books adopted, in improving rules and regulations, and in formulating a course of study leading to the establishment of a High School, and in putting into practical operation an excellent system of study, Mr. Hess has labored intelligently and well. He should be retained, if possible, in his present position.

## THE TURF.

The members of the Kinwood Driving Association held their first races at the track, near Jeffersonville, Wednesday afternoon, of last week. Dr. Weber's Wilkes Ino, driven by J. Cupp, won the 2.40 race in 2.38 and 2.34. Jacob Kalb's Nellie K., won the 3-minute race in 2.56 and 2.55. Patrick Curran's Robert C. was winner in the 2.50 contest in 2.54 and 2.44, and Wm. Bean's Wanetta was an easy winner of the special race, going the second heat in 2.26.

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## MATRIMONY.

Miss Mary K. Yerger, of Grater's Ford, was united in matrimony to Rev. J. G. Rosenberger, of Schuylkill county, Thursday, at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. D. Haman, of Reading.

Harry H. Herbine, of Reading, and Miss Stella Buckwalter, of Royersford, were married Thursday evening in Philadelphia. After a wedding trip they will return to Reading to reside.

June 4, at Trinity parsonage, Collegeville, by Rev. J. H. Hendricks, Mr. Henry G. Gottshall, of Lederachville, and Miss Annie M., daughter of Mr. James Tyson, of Skippack, both of Montgomery county.

## MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL.

### AN ORDINANCE UNDER WAY.

Regular meeting of Town Council was held at the usual place last Friday evening. The usual monthly bills were presented and ordered to be paid, and other routine business was transacted. It was decided that the work of grading, macadamizing, curbing and paving Fifth avenue should proceed only as far as Chestnut street this season. Work will be commenced after harvest. Burgess Clamer presented a verbal protest from sundry persons against allowing the ground for trotters and pacers for miles around. The Solicitor was instructed to prepare an ordinance to restrain persons from driving their horses faster than a seven-mile-an-hour gait through the borough. The ordinance will be acted upon at the next meeting of Council.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF URSINUS COLLEGE.

The twenty-eighth annual commencement of Ursinus College will be ushered in next Sunday evening, June 12, and the exercises attending the commencement season of '98 at Ursinus will be of much interest to the general public, as usual. Program:

Sunday—8 p. m. Baccalaureate sermon by President Henry T. Spangler, D. D. Music by Trinity Church Choir.

Monday—8 p. m. Junior Oratorical Contest. Awarding of the Hobson and Menger Medals. Music by the Ursinus College Orchestra, Edwin J. Laros, A. B., leader.

Tuesday—10 a. m. Annual meeting of the Board of Directors in the President's rooms. 2 p. m. Field Athletics on the athletic field, under the direction of Physical Director William H. Kline. 3 p. m. Address before the Literary Societies, by the Hon. Robert E. James, A. M., of Easton, Pa.

Wednesday—10 a. m. Annual meeting of the Alumni Association in the College Chapel. 2 p. m. Class Day Exercises, in the College Auditorium. Fly planting on the campus. 8 p. m. Alumni Oratorical Contest, in the College Auditorium, by Prof. Ira L. Bryner, A. M., of Carlisle. Vocal music by members of the Association, under the direction of Sara C. Hendricks, B. L. 9 p. m. Alumni Reunion.

Thursday—9.45 a. m. Music by a selected professional orchestra, under the direction of Roland H. Smith, of the Department of Music, Ursinus College. 10.30 a. m. Commencement exercises, before the members of the graduating class. Conferring of degrees. Commencement oration, by the Hon. W. W. Porter, Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. 3 p. m. Baseball game between the college nine and an alumni team. 8 p. m. President's reception at the President's house.

The commencement Committee consists of J. Shelby Weinberger, Chairman; Raymond Dodge, Secretary, and Wharton A. Kline. The Committee room is in the Library. The Alumni and all visitors are requested to call and enter their names and addresses in the register.

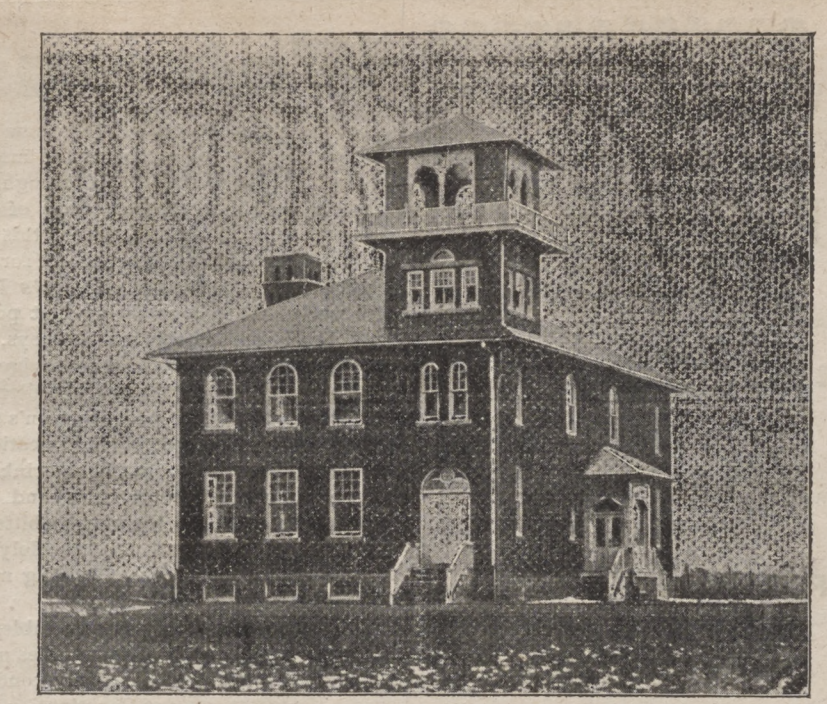
The art exhibit in studio, third floor, Bomberger Memorial Hall, will be open Wednesday and Thursday, except during time of public exercises.

## FROM OAKS.

Although the 30th day of May is designated Memorial Day, and is itself a legal holiday, Sunday afternoon, June 5th, was observed here at Green Tree, and the graves of the soldier dead were decorated with flowers, with appropriate services.

Post 45, G. A. R., of Phoenixville, was well represented, and also Camp 104, of the Sons of Veterans, and the Ladies' Relief Corps. Rev. J. T. Meyers made a most fervent and patriotic prayer, praying that peace should return to our own land, that right and justice should everywhere be the aim of the nation. J. Whitaker Thompson, Esq., delivered the oration. This will be the last dedication day on the Sabbath at Green Tree, if it can possibly be avoided. It may be no doubt to some, or many of us, and this one was a most profitable one, because it was the Sabbath and the memories of the dead are made more sacred. The objections are many to holding services on Sunday. The burying ground at Green Tree is not a public cemetery, though any one has privileges to bury there. One Sunday school meets at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and it interferes in that case. There is a great responsibility on the part of a teacher of a class of Sunday school scholars, and if he, or she, has spent much time and labor preparing the lesson of the day, nothing should interfere with their effort to teach the class by any outside influence, and the children's attention is attracted by the presence of the old soldier and their minds are taken off the lesson. The International Quarterly is used at Green Tree, and to miss one lesson thus means a loss to one who has expressed himself. Another thing, Sunday is a day set apart to worship God, and if this nation is to be the foremost nation, a typical American nation, one and all must remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. We need fear no man, no force, no power on earth, if we fear God. Speaking for the members of Post 45, G. A. R., our thanks to Rev. J. T. Meyers, J. Whitaker Thompson, Esq., Amos G. Gotwals, Esq., and Mr. Benj. Davis for their assistance on occasion of the decoration services at Green Tree.

Rev. J. T. Meyers returned to his home from his visit to the Conference at Chicago, and to friends in Kansas and Iowa. We are more than thankful for his safe return, when we consider he barely escaped the terrible cyclone whereby fifty or more lives were lost by its ravages. Mr. Meyers has been in several hairbreadth escapes, as several years ago he was in a railroad wreck while traveling in the west. We are glad to welcome him back to his home and friends and to his charge here at Green Tree.



New Public School Building, Collegeville, Pa.

## FIRST COMMENCEMENT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE.

LENGTHY AND INTERESTING EXERCISES—THE GRADUATES PERFORMED THEIR PARTS ADMIRABLY.

The first commencement of the High School of the borough of Collegeville in Bomberger Memorial Hall, last Thursday evening, was both a glittering and a substantial success. The occasion was one that aroused enthusiasm in the hearts of the patrons of our public schools, and one that reflected much credit upon the graduates and others participating. The Directors who occupied the rostrum had ample reason to congratulate themselves for having in the recent past extended to the boys and girls of Collegeville increased and improved educational opportunities. The spirit of success, of results achieved, of bright promises for the future, seemed to permeate the very atmosphere of the classic hall where students of Greek, of Latin, of physics and metaphysics, have showered their eloquence upon multitudes on

commencement days at Ursinus; while the stately symbols of patriotism, appropriately placed, served as mute reminders of the achievements of knowledge, of liberty, of justice, as well as of war. The program, as announced at length in the last issue of this paper, was presented in full without variation and every part of it was well rendered. The graduates and pupils, one and all, acquitted themselves most acceptably; so that from the admirable invocation by Dr. Hendricks to the benediction by Dr. H. T. Spangler, at 10.30, the first commencement of the Collegeville High School was an event unmarred by failure or incapacity. In presenting the diplomas to the graduates—Ella May Riegner, Ralph F. Wismer, Anna Wismer, Stella Elizabeth Faringer, Miss Eva Gristock and Lydia Stella Bolton—the President of the Board of Directors, F. G. Hobson, Esq., indulged in a number of thoughtful and timely observations. The address by Rev. A. W. Lamar, D. D., contained many excellent remarks and was generally appreciated. The music furnished by the class of '98 and pupils of the schools was well received.

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The order of free lunches picked down on the Perkiomen on Sunday.

The authorities of the Pennsylvania railroad might be called to the state of affairs at the station on Sunday evening.

Rev. J. G. Francis filled an appointment at Philadelphia. Rev. Jacob Z. Gotwals preached at Royersford on Sunday last.

Jesse D. Miller, and Mr. Charles, proprietor of the hotel at Sulford station, attended the decoration at Green Tree on Sunday. Squire Bartholomew, of Collegeville, was also in attendance.

While the crew of Engine 530 on the Perkiomen railway were making up their train at Perkiomen Junction the head of the cylinder of the engine blew out. After a short delay the train was put back on the siding and the crew awaited the coming of another engine.

The trains pulled by engines nowadays are about a half-mile long. More particularly, a train of empty cars.

A committee of the city in the interest of the water department visited this part of the canal and river last week, coming up on the steamboat Ross. Whether the water will be any better after this visit the people of Philadelphia will have to say.



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